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1. ROMANIAN SPACE COMMISSION GENSEC MANDESCU TOLD SCIATT JANUARY 18 THAT HIS DISCUSSIONS IN ITALY AND IRAN CONCERNING COORDINATION AND SHARING OF LANDSAT ACQUIRED DATA AHD BEEN GENERALLY SATISFACTORY. HE SAID ITALIANS WERE NOT VERY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT ROMANIAN PLANS TO CONSTRUCT GROUND STATION BUT DID AGREE TO COOPERATE. IRANIANS PLEDGED FULL COOPERATION ACCORDING TO MANDESCU.

2. WITH RESPECT TO SIGNING MOU WITH NASA, SCIATT RAISED QUESTION POSED IN REF B AS TO WHETHER FUNDS HAD ACTUALLY BEEN COMMITTED BY GOR CONSTRUCTION OF GROUND STATION, POINTING OUT THAT MOU REQUIRES THAT CONSTRUCTION BEGIN WITHIN 15 MONTHS OF ENTRY INTO FORCE. MANDESCU REPLIED THAT RCSA WAS AWARE OF 15-MONTH REQUIREMENT IN MOU AND WAS PREPARED TO COMPLY. AS FURTHER EVIDENCE OF GOR INTENTIONS, HE POINTED OUT THAT TEHNOIMPORT HAS REQUESTED BIDS FROM SEVERAL US COMPANIES COVERING TECHNOLOGY AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE GROUND
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STATION; HOWEVER, THUS FAR, ONLY LOCKHEED ELECTRONICS HAS RESPONDED. FYI: SINCE GOR PLANS TO CARRY OUT CONSTRUCTION OF PHYSICAL PLANT FOR GROUND STATION, THERE SEEMS TO BE LITTLE DOUBT THAT IT COULD MEET 15-MONTH REQUIREMENT IN THIS REGARD. HOWEVER, NEGOTIATIONS FOR TECHNOLOGY AND EQUIPMENT MAY BE PROTRACTED. END FYI.

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3. TIME FOR SIGNING MOU HAS NOW SLIPPED TO FEBRUARY PER MANDESCU. HE SAID HE IS PREPARING EXPLANATORY LETTER FOR FRUTKIN AND HOPED TO HAVE IT UNDERWAY SOON.

4. ON SUBJECT OF SPACE SHUTTLE EXPERIMENT PROPOSED BY RCSA AND ACCEPTED BY NASA, MANDESCU STATED THAT PROFESSOR CIUFU, EXPERIMENT COORDINATOR, WAS AWAITING SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FROM NASA ABOUT THE EXPERIMENT WHICH HE NEEDED IN ORDER TO PROCEED. PLEASE ADVISE.
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